GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REFINING CAPACITY
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set to increase the refining capacity during Tenth Plan by the Government;

(b) whether any higher target has been set for Tenth Plan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to achieve the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): The refining industry was de-licensed in June, 1998. Hence additional refining capacity can be set up by companies as per their requirement. The Government has approved 3 grass root new refineries at Bina of 6 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA), at Paradeep of 9 MMTPA and at Bhatinda of 9 MMTPA. The expansion programmes of 3 refineries are under implementation and are expected to be commissioned during the Tenth Five Year plan. These include 6.0 MMTPA of Panipat refinery of IOC, 5.10 MMTPA of Mumbai refinery of BPCL and 3.0 MMTPA of Chennai refinery of CPCL.